Dear Jim, 7/12/75

I've not really cued you in on McDonald because it would have served no purpose and you have more to do that you can.

Not have I told Bud all. Whatx I have said is more than he'll want. Or want to face, including about himself.

I'd prefer to believe that McDonald is no worse than a psychopath. Then one can say that terrible as the man is he is sick. I can't begin to describe the totality of his amorality. Or of his lack of scruple. I saw enough to make all of this understatement. But what I've learned...

In what I've written I am not assuming that some kind of disaster is inevitable. I'm just not ignoring possibilities about squeals and stuck pigs.

Should be stuck Zebras, too.

If they go after the pig, what will the pig do?

From what I've seen and what I've learned I'd say there is no limit.

He is not the kind who will say he did it. He'll be looking for others.

And to the average person he is a persuasive liar. He's conned some of the best and the toughest.

Complicating this is the uncertainty about whether he serves others.

He is vulnerable from other than this fraud.

In some areas Bud sees only what he wants to. What he doesn't want to see doesn't exist for him.

Whatever the odds and how little the chances may be, I think it might be best for Bill to know that I've never met as unscrupulous a person as McDonald or one as sanctimonious about it.

It is my opinion that he can wind up in a corner on this and fight desparately to get out of it.

If Zebra kicks he did pull a fraud. I don't think that even on racetracks fraud is compatible with being in charge of security.

Bill should also know that in the presence of others McDonald did represent that Bud was his lawyer on this. One of those present then called Bud. When he returned the conversation about McDonald thereupon ended.

The story was that his lawyer, Bud, had to be consulted. There are witnesses that he was.

If he has correspondence from Bud, as I'd imagine he does, then it can be much worse.

Then there is the New York Review affidavit. Neither of the contradictory stories is not possible trouble. What the mag says is worse for Bud.

I'm not borrowing trouble. I want to avoid it for Bud. The first way to be able to do this is to be aware of the possibilities. Then, if it comes, there will be none of the liability of surprise.

I don't know if McDonald will do anything involving Bud. But I think the wise course is for Bud and Bill to think this through, trying to figure out the worst that can be true and what to do then. They never be able to figure out what that rascal is capable of that isn't true. Only approximate. He's that bad.

If there is something I'm not going to involve Bud. The real questions are can McDonald with reason, can he without reason, and what can either mean.

Best,